



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that Christmas is starting to make its way into school this week as we have been gifted enough Christmas trees so that we can have one in nearly every classroom! Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this happen.

We have been busy making plans to ensure that we can maintain the magic of Christmas for our children despite the ongoing challenges and restrictions. You received a letter from the PTA this week informing you of all of the things they are planning over Christmas and I have added the key dates at the bottom of this newsletter. The PTA have paid for all classes to be able to watch a virtual pantomime and we have snacks and drinks donated by ASDA.

KS1 are busy working on their virtual nativity, KS2 will be recording their concert and Year 3 are busy planning an advent service.

Christmas dinner will happen for all children in the hall with crackers (also donated by ASDA) and lots of festive tunes and we will be able to watch a live streamed Christingle service from Coventry Cathedral.

We will allow children to bring in Christmas cards for friends and teachers who are in their year group bubble. These will have to be in school by 10th December so that we can quarantine them and then hand them out in the final week.

Parents evening

Our first evening of virtual appointments went really well last night with only very few teething problems. If you were booked for an appointment last night and did not manage to attend for any reason please contact the office and we will try and fit you in on Tuesday. We will send out a very short survey shortly to find out how it went from your perspective.

Illness in school

We have been really pleased with how well the children and staff have been since we returned to school in September and our attendance has been higher than it usually is at this time of the year. However as we creep into winter we know that there are bugs and viruses on the horizon. Obviously we are continuously looking out for the main symptoms of Coronavirus but we have now been told by Public Health that although other symptoms like sore throat, muscle aches, diarrhoea and severe fatigue are more likely to be a seasonal virus, some children with positive Coronavirus tests have only had these lesser symptoms. Therefore we will be extremely cautious in school and we may request that you access a Covid test for your child to rule this out. We have sent a number of children for testing this week and the process has been significantly easier than in the past. There is a new local testing centre in Leamington and results are often coming back in 24 hours. We completely understand that this can be inconvenient and frustrating but we are absolutely trying to do everything in our power to keep Covid out of our school for as long as possible and we thank you for your continued support.

School photographs

Our new school photographer, Paul Cashmore, has now finished processing the school photos that he took last week and you have been sent an email from our office to enable you to purchase them from his website. I have seen a few and they look really lovely so I hope that you are happy with the photos he has taken of your child. Paul will be giving the school 20% of the proceeds from these photos. Please share any feedback that you have as it is the first time that we have used Paul and we would like to know what you think.

Our Christian Value this half term is FORGIVENESS



Give a little Christmas cheer to local children – message from a parent

As we know, Christmas will be upon us before we know it. This year is going to be a hard one for us all but for some so much harder than we could imagine. That's why we are asking for you to help us bring a little Christmas cheer to help those in our community who will struggle this Christmas by gifting toys for children. It doesn't need to be much (or it can if you can afford it 😊) – anything will help. Just think of a little child's face on Christmas morning opening your kind gift.

You can drop off any donations to school reception or if you would prefer to give a monetary donation, one of the Year 2 mums will be collecting and buying gifts on your behalf. You can send her a message via WhatsApp to 07736788814.

Local Christmas Post Box

Here is a [link to an article](#) about a Christmas post box in Leamington. Parents can download personalised reply letters and the children can be entered into a competition.

Parent challenge – Message from Liz McEvoy

I'm trying to run 100 miles (yes I know that it's bonkers!) before Christmas, to raise money for the Scouts, who have identified 500 groups in vulnerable communities that have been hardest hit by the financial effects of the pandemic, and have launched the Race Round the World to get the Scouting community to help them. 20% of anything I raise will stay local, and be given to support struggling groups in the Leamington District.

So far I've managed 18 miles, so only 82 to go...

If you can support me the link is here: <https://scouts.enthuse.com/pf/liz-mcevoy-f4975>

PTA Christmas Raffle



The PTA are holding a raffle for two lovely advent calendars. The tickets are two pounds each and are available to purchase on

www.pta-events.co.uk/cubbingtonpta

We will draw the winning tickets on Friday 27th November 2020 thank you for your support.



School lottery

Please support our school lottery by [buying a ticket here](#). You could win £25,000! This term three of our ticket holders have won smaller prizes – next time it could be you!

Future academic year planners

All INSET days now added to the diary dates below

The dates for the next two academic years are now published on the [Warwickshire website](#).

Autumn term dates for your diaries

Tuesday 24th November – Parents evening for Years 1-6

Wednesday 2nd December – Parents evening for Reception

Friday 4th December – Christmas hat day for the PTA. Bring in an item for your class hamper Wrens – Red Y1- orange Y2 - yellow Y3 - green Y4 - blue Y5 – indigo Y6 – violet

Thursday 10th December – Last day to bring in Christmas cards for your bubble

Friday 11th December – Christmas jumper day for the PTA. Bring in another item for your class hamper Wrens – Red Y1- orange Y2 - yellow Y3 - green Y4 - blue Y5 – indigo Y6 – violet

Friday 11th December – Christmas dinner

Friday 11th December – 2pm Livestream of the Christingle service from Coventry Cathedral

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

Tuesday 5th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones

Head teacher

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